



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

ROBERT GORDON  
DIRECTOR

February 6, 2019



*Via email to* [REDACTED]

**RE: FOIA Request 2019-1824** [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

This notice is issued in response to your request, legally received by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (Department) on January 16, 2019, requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.*

Your request is denied.

Vital records are confidential per MCL 333.2888 §2888(1). This makes them exempt from disclosure under the FOIA per MCL 15.243 §13(1)(d), as records exempt from disclosure by statute. For information on how to obtain vital records please visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-72666-357860--,00.html>.

As to the denial, the Department is obligated to inform you that under MCL 15.240 §10 the following remedies are available:

1. Appeal this decision in writing to the Legal Affairs Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services, PO Box 30195, Lansing, MI 48909. The writing must specifically state the word "appeal" and must identify the reason or reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. The Department must respond to your appeal within ten days of receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to your appeal may be extended by ten business days.
2. File an action in the appropriate court within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, disbursements, and possible damages.

The Department's FOIA policies and procedures are available at  
<http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-72666-357860--,00.html>.

Sincerely,

/s/Kristen Pryor

Kristen Pryor,  
Bureau of Legal Affairs